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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC CORPS SEEKS FASTER ACTION ON ASYLEES

1. DIR OF PROTOCOL MET MORNING NOV 13 WITH DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, PAPALNUNCIO SOTERO SANZ DE VILLABA TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATING TO ASYLEES STILL IN RESIDENCE IN SANTIAGO'S DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. PRESS ACCOUNTS SIMPLY NOTE THAT NUNCIO HAD REQUESTED EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF REQUESTS FOR SAFECONDUCTS TO LEAVE CHILE.

2. MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS WHO HAVE PROVIDED ASYLUM TO CHILEANS AND FOREIGN NATIONALS MET LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS. RESULT OF CONCLAVE WAS MEMORANDUM TO FONOFF FROM DEAN OF CORPS IN NAME OF "MAJORITY OF CHIEFS OF MISSION" ASKING THAT "COMPETENT AUTHORITIES PROCEED WITH GREATEST SPEED POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SAFECONDUCTS" FOR DEPARTURE FROM CHILE OF INDIVIDUALS STILL IN DIPLOMATIC ASYLUM. MEMORANDUM PRESENTED TO FONMIN HUERTA BY FRENCH AND PERUVIAN AMBASSADORS (PAPAL NUNCIO WHO ALSO DELEGATED TO PARTICIPATE WAS ABSENT).

3. A LATIN AMERICAN COLLEAGUE OF MINE HAS GIVEN ME SOME DETAILS OF MEETING. HUERTA WAS UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS FACED BY MANY OF EMBASSIES BUT NOTED THAT OF 2199 REQUESTS FOR SAFECONDUCTS RECEIVED AS OF NOV. 1, 1791 HAD BEEN GRANTED AND ANOTHER 303 RECENTLY RECEIVED WERE IN PROCESS OF BEING STUDIED. LESS THAN 5 PERCENT (OR 105 PETITIONS) HAVE BEEN "DEFERRED" AS GOC SUSPECTS THAT

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INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED MAY BE WANTED FOR COMMON CRIMES IN CHILE.

HUERTA SAID THAT IN CASES WHERE INVESTIGATION CONFIRMS GOC SUSPICIONS, SAFECONDUCTS WILL BE GRANTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH SIMULTANEOUS GOC PRESENTATION OF EXTRADITION REQUESTS IN EXPECTATION THAT RECEIVING GOVT. WOULD TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT ASYLEE NOT LEAVE COUNTRY OF DESTINATION UNTIL EXTRADITION REQUESTS HAD BEEN FULL ACTED UPON.

4. COMMENT: HUERTA APPARENTLY LEFT VISITING AMBASSADORS WITH IMPRESSION THAT ALL ASYLEES WILL EVENTUALLY BE GRANTED SAFECONDUCTS. THIS INCONSISTENT WITH STATEMENTS MADE BY VARIOUS GOC OFFICIALS, MOST RECENTLY IN WEEKEND INTERVIEW BY CHIEF OF THE INVESTIGATIONS POLICE, GEN. BAEZA, THAT SOME ASYLEES, NOTABLY HIGH-RANKING UP OFFICIALS, AND OTHER ON "MOST WANTED LISTS" WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE COUNTRY.
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